

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

February 11, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm at the Dummerston Town Office in Dummerston, Vermont. Andrew moved and Wayne seconded going into executive session regarding a personnel matter, specifically two performance evaluations. Motion passed 5-0. The Board came out of executive session at 7:30. No decisions were made.

Members Present: Chair Lewis White, Vice-Chair Andrew MacFarland, Wayne Emery, Jack Manix and Cindy Jerome

Also Present: Tom Bodett, Greg Brown, Ginny Carter, Lee Chamberlin, Joe Cook, Reed Cutting, Lester Dunklee, Cheryl & Tim Franklin, Zeke Goodband, Craig Goodenough, Joe Kowalski, Norman & Mary Mallory, George Murray, Jean Newell, Bob Sutor and Laurie Frechette

On a motion from Wayne and second by Jack, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from January 28th and the payment of Warrants, CC-3, 17 and 17P.

The Board recognized George Murray and Joe Kowalski from the Windham Solid Waste Management District (WSWMD) and Michelle Cherrier, Dummerston's representative to WSWMD's Board of Supervisors. Mr. Murray spoke to the Board about several actions that have been taken to reduce costs for the current fiscal year. Even after these cost-saving measures, they are still anticipating a potential \$100,000 deficit. He spoke to the Board about a recently submitted letter from district employees requesting that the WSWMD board seek bids for privatization.

The Board also recognized Reed Cutting, Cheryl & Tim Franklin, Norman & Mary Mallory and Craig Goodenough, a group of area private refuse haulers. Much discussion ensued regarding the proposed surcharge and the timing of its implementation.

Jack moved to instruct Michelle and/or Lester to not vote for the new ordinance (allowing the imposition of the surcharge) at tomorrow night's hearing. Andrew seconded the motion and it passed by a 5-0 vote.

The Board reviewed an email from Steve Mindel regarding a joint application with Brattleboro for a municipal education grant package. On a motion from Andrew and second by Cindy, the Board voted 5-0 to sign the application.

Jack spoke to the Board about an upcoming meeting on February 18th with Krister Adams from the VT State Housing Authority regarding the water situation at Charette's Mobile Home Park. The Board still wishes to investigate the possibility of hydrofracking the existing wells.

Road Foreman, Lee Chamberlin presented his report to the Board. He has reviewed the highway budget for the current fiscal year; it's currently in good shape. The road crew has been busy cutting trees and brush.

The Board conducted performance reviews for Road Foreman, Lee Chamberlin and Selectboard Assistant, Laurie Frechette. Jack advised the members of the public in attendance that Lee and Laurie had requested to have their evaluations presented in open session.

Cindy spoke to the Board about her recent conversation with a delinquent taxpayer who is extremely displeased with having to pay the 8% penalty. Laurie was asked to look up the state statute and forward the information to the Board.

The Board adjourned their regular meeting at 9:18pm and immediately reconvened as the Liquor Commission. They reviewed a renewal application for Circle K Vermont, Inc., located on Route 30. They declined to approve the application as it was incomplete. Laurie was asked to return the applications with a letter of explanation.

There being no further business to come before the Liquor Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 9:21pm.

Approved

Lewis White, Chair

Cindy Jerome, Clerk

Submitted by: Laurie Frechette, Administrative Assistant